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In the Application of:

REBECCA E. CAHOON ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1159

APPLICATION NO.: 09/744,099

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FILED: JANUARY 16, 2001

EXAMINER: C. FRONDA

FOR: CHORISMATE BIOSYNTHESIS
ENZYMESRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 15, 2001 ("Office Action"), please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-12 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. It is submitted that the restriction and/or election requirement is improper because claims 1-12 were canceled and claims 13-33 added in a Preliminary Amendment filed January 31, 2001. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith. Withdrawal of the restriction and/or election requirement is requested.

While Applicants believe this response is timely, should an extension-of-time be needed, the Commissioner is requested to consider such a petition made, and is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company) for any requisite fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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